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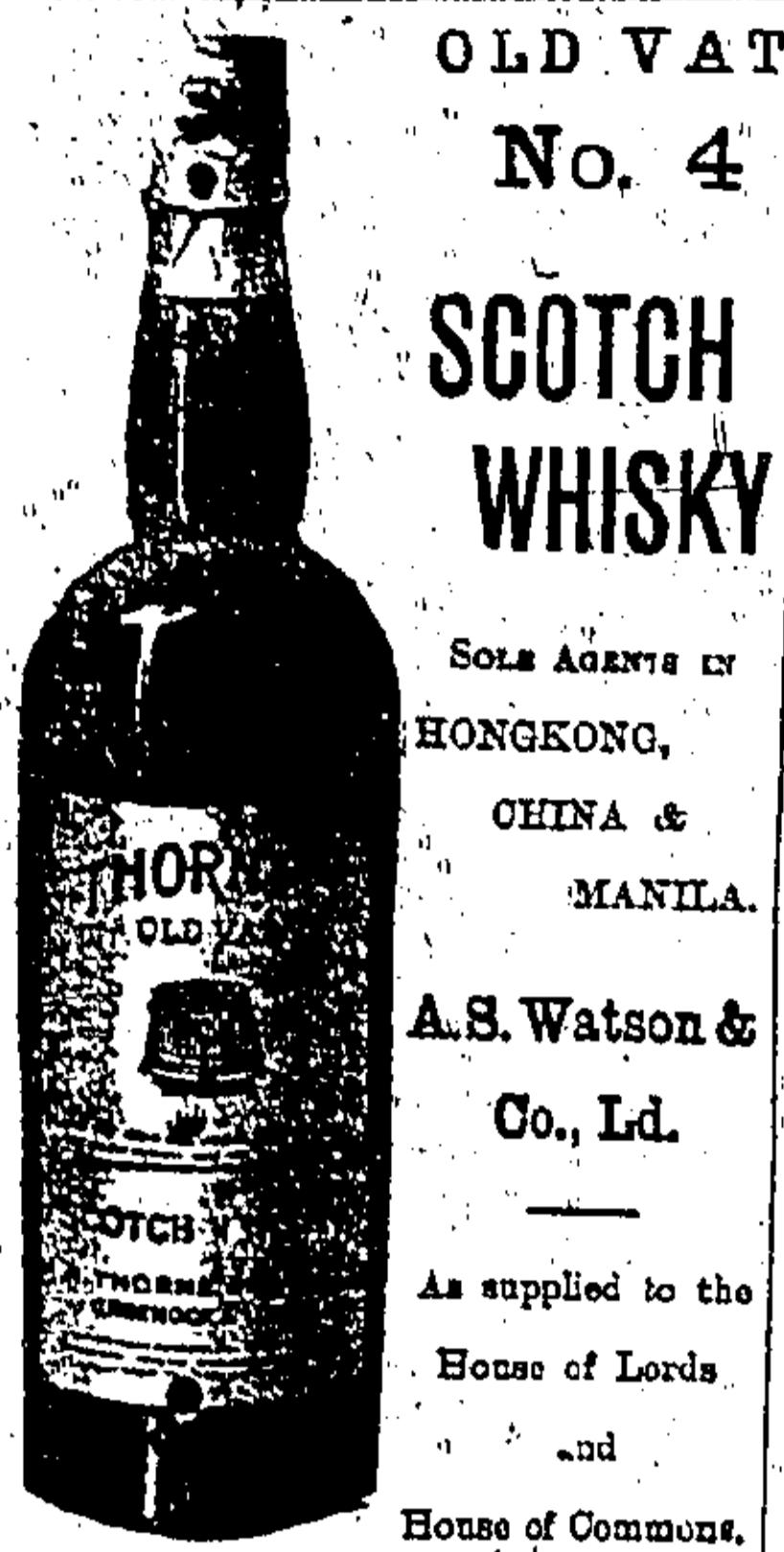
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GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME.

The sea serpent has, unquestionably, been so long postponed on account of the weather that it is doubtful if he is sighted at all, though of course he has all July and August in which to choose his time for reappearing. But his proper date is past; his opening day falls, properly, early in June, for the stimulation of the early trade at the seashore. And this year, why, "there ain't no early trade," to paraphrase the remarks of the clothing dealer touching the fall trade in all of year.

But incidents are not lacking which prove that "brains" are beginning to boil all over the country with the beginning of the hot weather. At Atlantic City, a few days ago, they passed around the word that the ladies' bathing suits this season would stagger humanity, or words to that effect. And now we learn from the faithful correspondent that the influence of women has become so great in pleasant resort that men wearing bathing suits are forbidden to stand upon the beach at all. The pretence is made that certain athletic gentlemen in swimming costumes of greatly concentrated character are accustomed to "pose" upon the beach to the detriment of the landscape and the scandal of the police. It is not difficult to detect in this edict the great envy of the sex which has heretofore been able to confine public attention to its own bathing dresses and doesn't purpose to share its supremacy.

Again, from the academic groves of Indiana come echoes of the fates of Calypso, with George, Apollo and Aeneas the symbols of his frolicsome fancy. Such a wicked, watching, tricky young god is he; just now he is masquerading as a cross between Pan and the shepherd; he may even give Fighting Bob a run for his money before he is done. For his local incarnation is that of a farmer, and he has issued invitations to a picnic at his farm and insists that all the guests, male and female alike, shall wear blue stockings. A pretty wit, a very pretty wit! The correspondent adds that the farmer god, near-Jove, prince of the houses and museums of Indians—call him by whatever title you choose—is overwhelmed with applications for the job of gatekeeper. Not a soul in the land of a billion quip to toss upon the soft bosom of a summer day! Not since the citizens of California or the garden parties of Mrs. Leo Hunter has such promise of sport been given.

Coincidentally, an elderly man, grave and reputed of excellent sense, the father-in-law of an English duke, has announced that if a certain man is nominated for President, he, the grave old patrician, will run for his life to England and try to obtain citizenship there. Surely the heat which intermines has been thrice blazed—most have much to do with this thing, and with all such things. Tales of the committee, we greet you once again! What such things happen, now can we not see the sea serpent?—New York Evening Sun.

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CHINESE POLICY IN TIBET.

A Blue-book was issued on the 16th ult. dealing with affairs in Tibet, and covering a period between September, 1904, and May of the present year. Many of the subjects dealt with are now matters of history, such as the Anglo-Tibetan Convention, the disturbances in Batang, and evacuation of the Chumbi Valley; and the immediate interest of the Blue-book is contained in the later despatches as illustrating the policy of the Chinese Government, which culminated in February last in the deposition of the Dalai Lama, and on the attitude of Tibetans generally towards Great Britain. It is shown, for instance, that in May of last year the British Government found it necessary to call the attention of the Chinese authorities in Peking to an attempt on the part of the Chinese Amban at Lhasa to stir up feeling against Great Britain by means of articles in an officially published newspaper called the *Pei Hua Kuan Po*. Translations of the offending articles are appended, and make curious reading:—

Extract 1.—"Don't be afraid of Amban Chao and his soldiers. They are not intended to do harm to Tibetans, but to other people. If you consider you will remember how you felt ashamed when the foreign soldiers arrived in Lhasa and oppressed you with much tyranny... We must all strengthen ourselves on this account, otherwise our religion will be destroyed in 100 or perhaps 1000 years."

Extract 2.—"In the West the foreign frontier is very close. In this direction also is Nepal. For a long time the Gurkhas have been endeavouring to perfect them selves in war in order that the foreigners may not think them a negligible nation. It will be well if you make friends with these people. Quickly make friends and become one and resist the foreigners, who will not be able to aggress. We having done this before you made a great mistake."

Extract 3.—"Ke-nga Lenchen will open English schools and will give notice in detail to summon students. There are in Tibet some wicked aggressive foreigners with whom intercourse has to be maintained. For the purpose of doing various kinds of work, men who know English are required to carry out the work."

In a fourth extract the advice to make friends with the Gurkhas of Nepal is amended, the Bhutanese being preferred to the Nepalese:—

"The Bhutanese have the same religion as the Tibetans. For this reason you ought to help them. Many years ago they had a war with the British. At this time they asked you for help, but you refused to give it. Because you did not give this help much land was taken from them and many of them were killed. At this they were very annoyed. The Chinese Emperor gave them assistance, and the Emperor of China ordered the Bhutanese to send him presents. If in future the Bhutanese refuse to obey, they will be sent to Lhasa. The Emperor will grant it. The Emperor thinks that the Gurkhas, Bhutanese and Tibetans should live like three men in one house. If you continue to wish to be isolated as before you will come to grief."

The British representations at Peking had the effect of checking such dangerous publications. The subsequent despatches follow the progress of the Dalai Lama's flight and his reception by the Indian Government. Lord Minto, in a telegram to Lord Morley, thus summarises an interview which he had with the Dalai Lama on March 14 last:—

"Lama expressed reliance on British Government and gratitude for hospitality. The difficulties between Tibet and Britain in 1888 and 1903 had been caused by China. Promises of Emperor and Dowager Empress had been disregarded by Amban, who had shown no desire to leave the Tibetans in peace. He appealed to me to secure the observance of the right which the Tibetan had of dealing directly with the British. But he also desired the withdrawal of Chinese influence, so that his position might be that of the fifth Dalai Lama, who had concluded negotiations, as the ruler of a friendly State, with the Emperor. There should also be withdrawal of Chinese troops. Treaties of 1890 and 1903, to which they were parties, could not be recognised by the Tibetans. He was cut off from communication with the regent whom he had left at Lhasa, although he and his Ministers were the Government of Tibet and had the seal of office. All travellers were stopped and, unless sent secretly, no official letters got through. He had received some private letters. He did not return to Lhasa, unless his position was settled satisfactorily. What his eventual destination would be, he could not say; he wished to return to Darjiling for the present. After violation of the promises which the Dowager Empress gave him, he would not trust Peking Government's written assurance. Intrigue on his part against the Chinese he denied. The Amban was altogether hostile, and a hostile policy had been adopted by the Chinese. The Chinese had designs on Sikkim, Bhutan, and Nepal. So far as Tibet was concerned, there was no need for the large force of 2,700 troops, which, according to his information, the Chinese have in and round Lhasa. The Lama gave his account of his relations with Dorjef, who was a pure spiritual adviser, and of the treason of the letter from Lord Curzon. He inquired as to the conclusion of the interview, how far he was answered. In reply I said that at present I could give no reply at all, but that I was very glad to make his acquaintance, to extend hospitality, and to hear his views, which would be placed by me before his Majesty's Government."

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believe that Japan and Russia will endeavour to keep faith with the world in regard to the promise of the "open door," though in view of all the circumstances of the case we do not see that they can be expected to be very successful in affording "equal opportunities for all," as the rest of the catch-phrase runs. Human nature is human nature the whole world over, and self-interest and self-preservation are uppermost principles everywhere. Japan and Russia are human like the rest of us, and why we should expect observance of a higher standard of ethics from them than what we demand from ourselves is one of the funny features of the situation. It is very annoying that they have adopted a dog-in-the-manger policy in regard to all railway enterprises fostered by other people, but one can understand their motives. They don't want to spoil a good thing if they can help it. Of course if the world was run on Sunday school principles what Russia and Japan should have done after they signed the Peace of Portsmouth was to have stepped out of Manchuria entirely and handed back the railway to China with their compliments, ignoring completely the lease which China had voluntarily given to Russia some years before. But at it is, the great Powers which might have effectually intervened at the beginning and brought about quite a different arrangement to that which now prevails, had they but possessed the necessary moral courage, have put themselves out of court by allowing Russia and Japan entirely free hands to consolidate their positions in what is really the cradle of the ruling dynasty of China. Themischief has been done, so far as the outsider is concerned, and all the diplomatic representations in the world will not now alter things.

We are not defending either Russia or Japan in this matter, for that would be a task of supreme futility. Looked at from the high moral point of view which the supporters of China assume when discussing the question, both are usurpers, no filchers of an integral part of her empire, but these good people conveniently forget that it was China who invited Russia into Manchuria originally and allowed her opportunities for railway building. Because by the irony of fate things have turned out very differently than anyone could have foreseen ten years ago, that is no reason for blinding our eyes to the blunder China then committed. She has made her bed and must lie down in it. As far as the outsider they also must make the best of a very peculiar and quite unprecedented situation. This may sound cheaply cynical, but what else is to be done in the face of accomplished facts?

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Maids Bruce and Mavis, two members of the Scott Antarctic Expedition, have just left Kobe for New Zealand where they join the Terra Nova.

The U.S.S. *New York* sails from Manila direct to Yokohama to relieve the cruiser *Charleston* as flagship. The *Charleston* goes to Bremerton for refitting.

There were 133 European and 188 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 114 European and 1,877 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended the 7th August.

At the Catholic Congress at Leeds, Archibald Bourne dwelt upon the progress of Catholicism in England. There were now 1780 churches, 104 schools, and 387 priests, compared with 587 churches, 90 schools, and 788 priests in 1850.

The proprietor of the Peak Hotel has, we understand, received a letter from the Colonial Secretary pointing out that the Shakespearean recital given there by Mr. Marshall Dunch constituted a theatrical performance, for the holding of which a licence was necessary.

Excellent fare is being provided nightly at the Empire Cinematograph Theatre where Miss Eva Hughes, Miss Magic Frazer, and Little Percy as well as Miss Laura Diamond delight the large audiences by their singing and dancing. A number of good pictures are also being shown.

Arrangements are reported to have been made to publish a newspaper, the *Nippon Yoko* (*Japan Post*), on board the N.Y.K. *Formosa* liner *Shinano Maru*. The idea is to give the wireless messages received during the voyage by the steamer from the mainland of Japan and Formosa. The *Nippon Yoko* will be printed in Japanese.

When Mr. Russell Ross asked in the House of Commons if the Chancellor would consider the introduction of nickel coins of the value of a penny, and twopence half-penny, Mr. Hobhouse replied that Mr. Lloyd George did not think the experience of other countries with nickel coinage afforded adequate ground for its introduction in the United Kingdom.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

To-day is the tenth anniversary of the coronation of His late Majesty King Edward VII.

The deaths are announced of Professor Canon Kynaston of Durham University, and of Canon Benham, Rector of St. Edmund's, Lombard Street, London. The latter was the son of a village postmaster.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Chapman, wife of Mr. J. B. Chapman, of Taikoo Dock, which took place under very circumstances on Monday afternoon. Deceased was being conveyed to the Peak Hospital from Quarry Bay and when the launch was almost at Murray Pier Mrs. Chapman succumbed. She leaves a husband and little boy for whom much sympathy will be felt.

THE PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, and a jury, at the Supreme Court this morning, the trial of issue as to whether Lai Chi Chun was a partner on certain dates in the Cheong Hing Steamship Co., lately carrying on business in this Colony, and liable as a partner in the said firm, was continued. Tang Wong Shi was the plaintiff and Lai Chi Chun and the Cheong Hing S. Co. defendants.

Mr. Eldon Potter appeared for plaintiff, instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring and Mr. M. W. Hinde, K.C., defended, instructed by Mr. Hinde.

Mr. Slade and defendant was arrested and his wife raising the money he was released after staying in gaol for some time.

The next day was the prosecution of the man who was arrested. P. W. Goldring went to the magistrate to-day and was charged with the same offence. Both were charged at the Magistrate to-day, and the defendant was committed for trial while the receiver was remanded.

A STOLEN DEPOSIT RECEIPT.

Some two months ago the residence of a Chinese woman at Macao was broken into and a considerable quantity of clothing and a wallet stolen, as well as a deposit receipt for \$1,000 in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The woman reported the matter to the Macao police, who advised her to notify the Bank at Hongkong, which she did. Nothing further was heard until last Thursday when a man came to the Bank with the receipt. A reference to the Bank's books showed that the document was deposited as stolen and accordingly it was detained and the man told to call again on Saturday. In the meantime the Bank communicated with the woman at Macao and requested her to come down. She arrived on Saturday, and appeared at the Bank just about the same time as the man. Both claimed the receipt. In the end the man was taken to the Police Station, and yesterday he was charged with being in possession of the stolen document and with forging the woman's name. Mr. M. Reader Harris defended, and the case was remanded.

SHIPPING ENTERPRISE.

Now on her way to the Far East is a new steamer, the *St. Albans*, built by Workman and Clark, Belfast, for the Eastern and

CLAIM FOR MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS.

K. J. Man Sang, lately carrying on business as the Yuet Cheung firm, sued the Kwong Tung Hotel Co., Ltd., before Mr Justice Hazlitt at the Supreme Court this morning, to recover \$33.88 for salt fish supplied. There was also a counter claim for \$37.45 meal and refreshments supplied at defendant's request.

Mr C. Wilson appeared for plain-tiff and Mr D. V. Stevenson defended.

The claim was admitted and Mr Stevenson said that defendants had, on four separate occasions, supplied plaintiff with meals and refreshments in the ordinary course of business, and also that a Chinese waiter in Kowloon Town, who carried on a large business and customers came to the hotel with friends and the proprietors debited the particular customer in the ordinary course of business.

His Lordship—He was standing the dinner.

Mr Stevenson—Whether he was or was not did not matter. Our instructions were to debit the amount to him. Subsequently plaintiff called and asked for four separate accounts and he would collect the money. The bill were given to him as was customary amongst the Chinese to do so, and from that time they had never heard of him.

Evidence was called and the case was adjourned.

COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

The eighty-eighth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company, Hotel Mansions, to-day.

Mr R. Shaw was presided and there were present Messrs F. Armstrong, C. H. Ross, H. A. Siebs, J. W. Bandow, F. A. Gomes, E. F. Fuhrmann, C. R. Leppmann, directors; Mr. Northcote, M. B. Machado, A. H. M. da Silva, T. F. Hough, D. D. Gazzola, A. Turner, Mada, Chau Sin-ki, K. Yau Wiser, A. D. O'Gourdin, J. Dunn, A. Turner, Fergucoes, E. A. Stanton, and Mr. J. Arnold, secretary.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The chairman said: Gentlemen, I presume that in accordance with the accepted practice, the report and accounts will be taken as read. The present position of the company is so clearly set forth therein that it is unnecessary for me to detail you what many remarks.

Like most other local enterprises this company has suffered from the general dullness of trade; in addition we have had increased competition to contend with on all the lines occupied by our steamers during the period under review. I am glad to be able to state that after prolonged negotiations an arrangement was come to at the end of June with the Chinese and Foreign-owned steamers running between Hongkong and Canton. Since the formation of this agreement our earnings on this line have shown a marked improvement, and has worked beneficially for all parties.

In view of the heavy annual outlay for repairs to the boilers of the s.s. *Huengshan* your Directors, acting on the advice of experts, have deemed it prudent to replace the present boilers with others of improved and modern type. Tenders having been invited the order for the construction of the boilers was placed with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The cost of these boilers about \$50,000 will appear in the next half-year's working account. The company's investments, I am pleased to say, are in a satisfactory condition. All our mortgages, with one exception, which we are, however, about to foreclose, show ample margins on the respective loans.

As customary the properties mortgaged to the company have been surveyed and revalued by Messrs Palmer and Turner, and the present company, as usual, have been adjusted in accordance with the notation current 30th June by the transfer of \$24,780.50 from investment fluctuation account. The loss by subsidiary silver during the past six months' working amounted to \$25,112.18. I may say the current half year has opened encouragingly and I trust when we meet again we shall be able to show an improvement in the results of the past six months' working. I do not think there is anything more which calls for explanation, so unless there are any questions to be answered I will propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. H. M. da Silva, M. B. Machado.

Before proceeding to the adoption of the report and accounts I beg leave to say a few words. I am almost sure that the shareholders of this Company are quite pleased with the result of the half-year's account, and that, in spite of the bad time and depressed state of the trade, the Directors were able to present such a satisfactory report. I believe the Company has never been in such a prosperous and sound position, which is a credit to the Directors. I therefore wish to congratulate them, the acting secretary, and the staff in general for the cooperation, they have given in the interests of the shareholders. I wish also to show our appreciation of the services rendered by the acting secretary, who has also contributed very much towards the welfare of the Company. With these few remarks I second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The confirmation of Messrs F. H. Armstrong and C. H. Ross as directors was proposed by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mr. O'Gourdin and carried.

Messrs H. A. Siebs and J. W. Bandow were re-elected directors on the proposition of Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Northcote.

The re-election of Messrs A. D. O'Gourdin and W. H. Potts as auditors for the ensuing half-year was proposed by Mr. Chan Sui Ku and seconded by Mr. Machado and carried.

Mr. Chairman—That concludes the business of this meeting, Gentlemen. Dividend warrants are now ready and may be obtained upon application. Thank you for your attendance.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The following is the nineteenth report of directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 20th August, at noon.

To the Proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Gentlemen,

We have now to state a General Statement of the State of the Bank and Balance Sheet for half-year ending 30th June, 1910.

The net profits for that period, including \$2,028,987.84, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$3,389,127.67.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at \$18,000,000.

They also recommend writing off Bank Premises Account the sum of \$150,000.

After making these transfers and deducting Remuneration to Directors there remains for appropriation \$4,724,127.67, of which \$1,000 is deducted to the Dividend of Two Dollars per Share, viz. £240,000, which at 1/32, the rate of the day, will absorb \$2,004,738.84.

The Balance \$2,028,987.83 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

STEERLING RESERVE FUND.

Owing to the redemption of the National War Loan a re-arrangement of the securities held in this account became necessary, and \$270,000 3% Exchequer Bonds due 1913 were purchased, which stand in the books at 98. The opportunity was taken to adjust our holding of Consols to 80 and to write down Other Sterling Securities.

The expenditure incurred in effecting these changes, viz.: £7,170, has been met out of the Profits of the half-year.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Sub-Agencies of the Bank have been opened at Ipoh and Johore (Malay Peninsula).

DIRECTORS.

Mr. E. G. Barrett, Mr. H. E. Tomkins, Mr. C. S. Gibney and the Honourable Mr. W. J. Gibson having resigned their seats on the Board, the Colony, Mr. H. H. Goddard, Mr. K. A. Armstrong, Mr. S. A. T. T. T. and the Honourable Mr. Henry Kauwell have been invited to fill the vacancies. Mr. Andrew Forbes has been invited to join the Board. These appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. G. Balloch has been elected Chairman for the remainder of the year, and Mr. Robert Shaw, Vice-Chairman.

Arboras.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. M. Maitland and Ms. J. W. C. Bonar, the former acting for Mr. W. Hutton Potts who is absent from the Colony.

THEATRES IN CANTON TO BE CENSORED.

From reports to hand it appears that the police authorities have decided to exercise some influence over the local theatres in Canton, and to secure control over the plays that are to be put upon the stage. It is well known that in China, in the past there have been few local theatres, and that players represent their characters to an audience from a stage extemporized for the three days during which the party may be employed. For the most part both audience and players are in the open air. In Canton there are now some big theatres, and there regularly plays are acted. What plays are put on the stage very few foreigners are able to say. Even those who attend occasionally out of curiosity, though they may understand the local dialect, are unable to make much out of the dialogue that goes on though it is obvious that it is interesting enough to the audience, from the palls of laughter that ring out from time to time. However, the plays are now to be censored, and this step is taken in order to improve the morals of the stage.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

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WEATHER-REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:

On the 9th at 11.35 a.m. — The barometer is falling in S. Japan, and a slight fall has taken place also over the China coast and at the stations around the China Sea.

The depression, which continues to move slowly Eastwards, is now situated in the neighbourhood of the Northern Loochoo.

The area of high pressure still extends over N.E. Japan from the Pacific.

Pressure is relatively high over the S. part of the China Sea and low over S. China.

Moderate variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh S.W. winds along the S. coast of China.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.06 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: S.W. winds moderate to fresh; fair to showery.

2.—Formosa Channel: Variable winds moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$1.25 per Share, declared at the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, held This Day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 9th August, 1910.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNONE, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, August 3, 1910.

HONGKONG, August 9, 1910.

TO LET.

FURNISHED, from 1st Sept. for 3 months. House in KNUTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon, (Tenni's Court), nominal rental for furniture, &c.

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THE D. L. & S. Co. "Gotha" with the GERMAN MAIL of the 13th July, left Singapore on Friday, the 6th August, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 9th Aug., at 10 p.m.

The D. L. & S. Co. "Prinz Waldemar" left Kola on the 7th August, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 10th August, at 10 a.m.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Ville de la Géode* with the FRENCH MAIL of the 17th July and Mail from London of the 18th July, left Singapore on Sunday, the 7th August, at 8 p.m., and is expected to arrive here on Monday morning, the 15th August.

The T. K. K. S. Co.'s *Elvo Maru* from South American and Mexican ports, arrived at Yokohama on the 25th July, and is due to arrive here on or about the 16th August.

The T. K. K. S. Co.'s *Catay Maru* from San Francisco will be despatched from Yokohama on route to Hongkong on the 8th August, is due to arrive at this port on the 9th Aug., at 10 a.m.

The T. P. M. S. Co.'s *Asuka* sailed from San Francisco on the 26th July for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on the 23rd August.

The C. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on Wednesday, the 27th July p.m. for Hongkong via transhipment of coal.

The T. K. K. S. Co.'s *Tenyo Maru* from Hongkong, arrived at San Francisco on the 6th August.

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On London:

July 30, Mrs. Miss P. and the Masters B., and W. Jolly, Mr. T. Dallin and Mrs. M. Cobbins.

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